

## REQUEST FOR ACTION

**To:** Mark De Bie, Deputy Director  
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division

**From:** Wes Mindermann  
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**Reviewed By:** Steve Levine, Legal Office

**Request Date:** February 5, 2014

**Decision Subject:** **APPROVAL FOR THE AUGMENTATION OF OAKLAND ESTUARY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, ALAMEDA COUNTY, UNDER THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND CODISPOSAL SITE CLEANUP PROGRAMS (SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TRUST FUND, FY 2013/14)**

**Action By:** February 12, 2014

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**Summary of Request:**

Staff requests approval of \$130,000 from the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program (Program) to augment the ongoing Department-managed cleanup project to remove waste materials at disposal sites in the Oakland Estuary. These funds augment the August 7, 2013, Request for Approval for the Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NWFF) Grant. These funds will complete the estuary project and support the United States Coast Guard actions with the vessel named the Respect.

**Recommendation:**

CalRecycle staff recommends approving the \$130,000 augmentation of the project in the Oakland Estuary.

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**Deputy Director Action:**

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out herein, I hereby approve this project under the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program.

  
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Mark De Bie, Deputy Director  
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division

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Dated: 2/13/14

**Proposed Pilot Project Scope of Work:**

The background and findings for the Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project are described in detail in the previously approved August 7, 2013 Request For Approval. These requested funds will be used to augment and complete the previously approved pilot program Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project and the removal of the disposal site consisting of the sunken vessel named the Respect. The funds are unmatched and will not have an impact to the NWFF Grant. USEPA has committed to continue to support the removal of any asbestos from the Respect at no cost to CalRecycle.

During the project CalRecycle staff has been working with US Coast Guard (USCG), US Army Corp, and USEPA regarding additional resources and funding. In September and December both the USEPA and USGC elected to use their resources and support CalRecycle's Oakland Estuary project. The USEPA has expended over \$1.5 million and USCG has expended over \$2.5 million in the estuary. The extent of the support from the USEPA and USCG was not known at the time of the initial project approval in August 2013, and much of the USGC contributions were not committed until December 2013.

Throughout the project, the project managers for CalRecycle, the USEPA, and USCG have divided tasks between agencies, including adjustments to the tasking as additional resources have been identified. Augmenting the original CalRecycle budget of \$1.3 million by \$130,000 (10%) would allow CalRecycle to complete the Oakland Estuary Enhancement Project and continue the successful cooperative working relationship with the USEPA and USCG.

To date CalRecycle's role in the project includes the removal of disposal sites, including 58 sites containing vessels, four sites containing abandoned docks, nine sites containing illegal marine debris, and debris from two shoreline disposal sites. CalRecycle has operated primarily in the role of performing the demolition, recycling, and disposal of the aforementioned non-hazardous marine debris. A total of 365 tons of metal has been recycled and over 1,150 tons of debris has been removed from the estuary. The USEPA as removed 17,700 lbs of asbestos containing material, 3,270 lbs of waste paint and related material, 1,000 gallons of flammable liquids, 120 lbs of toxic liquid, 33 cubic yards of non-RCRA debris, 32 units of explosives (i.e. - marine flares), 29 units of marine batteries, 50 gallons of waste oil, and 1,700 cubic yards of California Hazardous Waste.

**Fiscal Impacts:**

The Department-managed project will be performed on a time-and-materials basis under the Program's Northern California remediation contract (DRR12034). The Program's contractor has completed 90% of the project and has to finish processing the last vessel. CalRecycle's remediation contract for Northern California currently has sufficient funds to cover the \$130,000 to complete the project.